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Sir:

In accordance with the requirements of 1156 O.G. 53, the undersigned hereby states that the Office Action mailed September 19, 2002 was not received by Ropes & Gray LLP. In support of this assertion, the undersigned provides herewith a copy of the Patent Group mail log, from September 19, 2002, the alleged date of mailing of the Office Action of record, to October 7, 2002, two weeks thereafter. For reasons of confidentiality, the serial numbers and the description of the papers that were received have been removed for all non-applicable docket numbers. Moreover, a search of the file jacket and docket records indicates that no such correspondence was entered into the docketing software at Ropes & Gray LLP, nor was any such correspondence placed in the file for the above-described application. Corroborating the above-detailed procedures enclosed herewith is a Declaration Under MPEP 711.03(c)(II) from Lorraine Doyle, a Patent Docket and Compliance Manager at Ropes & Gray LLP.

The Examiner may address any questions raised by this submission to the undersigned at 617-951-7615. Applicants request that any fee required for timely consideration of this submission be charged to **Deposit Account No. 18-1945**.

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